GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5283
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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS
C. SREENIVAASAN;SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to do away with the practice of charging registration fee for booking of telephones in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir, for Delhi and Mumbai where Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited is operating, it has been decided to make registration for New Telephone connection as free w.e.f. 1.5.2001.

For the remaining parts in the country with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, it has been decided not to charge such fee in the areas where telephones are available `On Demand`.